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1. AS OF MORNING JULY 4 COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN FILED WITH NA SECRETARIAT WITH RESPECT QUALIFICATIONS OF THREE PRESIDENTIAL SLATES: 1) THIEU/KY; 2) PHAM HUY CO/LY QUOC SINH; 3) NGUYEN DINH LUYEN/TRAN VAN THOAN.

2. COMPLAINTS AGAINST THIEU AND KY LODGED BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AU TRUONG THANH AND HOANG CO BINH. BOTH MAINTAIN THAT UNDER PROVISIONS ART. 17 OF ELECTION LAW THIEU AND KY DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT TAKE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS AS DIRECTORY CHAIRMAN AND PRIME MINISTER UPON FILING CANDIDACY. (ELECTION LAW STATES THAT CIVIL SERVANTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST REQUEST LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FROM THE DAY THEY COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY. IT WAS CLEAR INTENT OF NA THAT THIS ARTICLE NOT RPT NOT APPLY TO CABINET OR DIRECTORATE MEMBERS.) THANH IS CIRCULATING MIMEOGRAPHED COPIES OF HIS COMPLAINT TOGETHER WITH FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION TO PRESS AND OTHER SAIGON CONTACTS. BINH ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS LODGING COMPLAINT AGAINST THIEU AND KY IN JULY 3 PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT HIS HOME.

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2. COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST PHAM HUY CO CLAIMS THAT CO'S RESIDENCE ABROAD PRIOR TO 1963 DISQUALIFIES HIM UNDER PROVISIONS ARTICLE 53 (1) OF CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE 10 (2) OF ELECTION LAW. LUYEN/THOAN SLATE CHALLENGED ON GROUNDS THAT THOAN MAY NOT MEET CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS, HAVING AT ONE TIME HELD FRENCH CITIZENSHIP.

3. MEANWHILE, GENERAL MINH'S RUNNING-MATE TRAN NGOC LIENG IS REPORTED BY LOCAL PRESS TO HAVE SENT LETTER TO THIEU, KY, AND NA CHAIRMAN SUU REQUESTING THAT MINH BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO VIET NAM BEFORE JULY 15, WHICH IS CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL'S DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF REPORT TO NA ON CANDIDATES' QUALIFICATIONS.

4. COMMENT: COMPLAINTS AGAINST THIEU/KY SLATE NOT BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE AND CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS PUBLICITY STUNTS.

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